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Sir:

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It has been noted that applicants have not received an initialed copy of page 2 of 2 of the PTO-1449 filed December 15, 1999. The Office Action of January 24, 2000, had included an initialed page 1 of 2, but **NO** page 2 of 2. The Examiner is requested to return initialed page 2 of 2.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

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